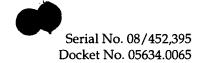


II. REMARKS

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In consonance with the agreement between Applicants and the Office regarding the co-pending U.S. patent applications related to this application, Applicants hereby join following claims from their related applications into the instant application, corresponding to the new claim numbers in the instant application.

Application Serial No(s). (Atty. Dkt. No.)	Claims	Corresponding New Claim Nos. in the Instant Application
08/448,915	2	44
(05634.0069)	3-10	46-53
	11	45
	12-20	54-62
08/448,643	2-14	63-75
(05634.0072)	15-20	83-88
	21-27	76-82
	28	89
08/473,996	4-18	90-104
(05634.0073)	19-28	122-131
	29-45	105-121



Correspondingly, the above listed Application Serial No(s). have been abandoned and/or the claims corresponding to these applications(s) have been cancelled. Applicants request that presently added claims 44-131 be examined along with presently pending claims 2-43.

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